Information Pack and Participant Agreement Form for String Players (Sussex)

Sing with Strings 2022 PERFECT PITCH

hosted by the Bernardi Music Group in association with the Yehudi Menuhin School and the String Academy, and supported by Arts Council England

The Bernardi Music Group's **String Academy** is inviting 20 gifted and talented young string players from the county to play alongside the string orchestra from the world-renowned **Yehudi Menuhin School** in this year's **Sing with Strings** project. We would like to invite your child to be one of those string players.

Sing with Strings 2022 will bring together a **massed children's choir** of **over 200 singers** from more than 7 of the county's primary and secondary schools to sing alongside an **orchestra** of strings, piano and percussion.

In this World Cup year, we will be performing **Perfect Pitch**, a selection of fun football-themed songs by composer **Malcolm Singer** setting the rhythmically inventive and entertaining poems of **Nick Toczek**.

The orchestra will rehearse with composer/conductor **Malcolm Singer** and join the massed choir led by choirmaster **Mark Bradbury** (Little Notes, Build an Opera) for two rehearsals, and there will also be an orchestral rehearsal (for the orchestras of both Sussex and Surrey, where we are running the project in tandem). The project will culminate in a dress rehearsal and two performances at **Windlesham House School**.

This is a very special opportunity to collaborate with pupils from other local schools, professional musicians and play with a spectacular orchestra!

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 28 September	**The Weald School**, Station Road, Billingshurst RH14 9RY **arrive 09:45, big rehearsal (with choirs) 10:00-12:00**
Sunday 6 November	**Cobham Free School**, Portsmouth Road, Cobham, Surrey KT11 1TF **ORCHESTRAL REHEARSAL (for Sussex and Surrey string orchestras)** **arrive 13:45, rehearsal 14:00-17:00**
Tuesday 8 November	**The Weald School** **arrive 13:15, big rehearsal (with choirs) 13:30-15:30**
Thursday 10 November	**Windlesham House School**, Pulborough RH20 4AY **PERFORMANCE DAY: arrive 14:15, collection 20:30** (see details below)

PERFORMANCE DAY

Thursday 10 November @ Windlesham House School, Pulborough RH20 4AY

Children will remain onsite at Windlesham House School from their arrival at 14:15 to their collection at 20:30.

Things to bring: Children should bring a packed tea with them as well as a water bottle for the afternoon. We will provide squash and biscuits between the two performances.

Concert clothes: Children in the orchestra should wear concert black. Please arrive at Dress Rehearsal in performance clothes as there will not be onsite changing facilities.

14:15	**Arrive at Windlesham House School Sports Hall**
14:30-16:30	**Dress Rehearsal**
16:30-17:30	**Break for packed teas**
17:45	**Doors open for Performance No. 1**
18:00-19:00	**PERFORMANCE No. 1**
19:15	**Doors open for Performance No. 2**
19:30-20:30	**PERFORMANCE No. 2**
20:30	**String Academy tutors dismiss pupils to parents/guardians**

TRANSPORT & AUTHORISED ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Arrangements for transport to and from all rehearsals and the performance day will be the responsibility of the child's parents/guardians. Please gain the appropriate authority for your child's absence from school for these rehearsals and the performance day afternoon, as appropriate.

TICKETS & BOOKING

All tickets* for the two performances will be available for purchase from www.bernardimusicgroup.com/events/ from **12 September** on a first come, first served basis.

Special booking codes will be provided on 12 September, enabling parents and families of participants to purchase tickets at a significant discount: Adults @ £10, children aged 5+ @ £5 (full price tickets @ £15 for all).

*For participants who are in receipt of pupil premium funding, two free tickets will be available.

SAFEGUARDING

There will be two String Academy tutors to chaperone and supervise children participating in the string orchestra at rehearsals and on the performance day. The Bernardi Music Group will ensure that all project leaders and String Academy tutors have an up-to-date enhanced DBS check.

Please ensure your child registers in and out with the designated String Academy tutor upon arrival and before collection.

AUDIOVISUAL CONSENT

As part of the legacy of *Sing with Strings*, the Bernardi Music Group will be making audiovisual recordings of the rehearsals and performances during this project.

We would like to ask your permission to record, store and edit audio, video and photographic images of this project which may include the child in your care. These may be shared and used by the Bernardi Music Group in formats including, but not limited to, printed displays, online and printed publications, and use on websites and social media.

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PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT FORM FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

This is a fantastic and inspirational opportunity for young and gifted string players to join the String Academy to play alongside players from the Yehudi Menuhin School and to work with professional musicians. It is fully funded by Arts Council England and offered at no cost to participants. In return for this opportunity, we ask of the participants and their parents/guardians to give the following commitment:

• To attend all rehearsals and the performance day as detailed above, bringing their instrument and a music stand.

• To practise and learn the music independently and with their instrumental teachers outside of the orchestral rehearsals. Your child will receive the music at the first rehearsal and it will be appropriate to their playing ability.

• For parents/guardians to arrange transport to and from all rehearsals and the performance day.
(If your child is at one of the schools participating in the massed choir, it may be possible for you to arrange transport from school to the rehearsals that involve the choir; please arrange this directly with your child's school, if appropriate.)

• For parents/guardians to gain the appropriate authorisation from their child's school to allow them to be absent in order to attend the rehearsals and performance day afternoon.

If the child in your care would like to participate as a string player in this project, please complete the form below and return it to chris@christopherhussey.co.uk by 31 July 2022 at the latest. Thank you.

Child's Name:

Age: Year Group: School:

Instrument: Grade/level: Instrumental Teacher's Name:

Is your child in receipt of pupil premium funding? (for the purpose of allocating two free tickets)

Name of Parent/Guardian:

Relationship to child:

Parent/Guardian's Email:

Emergency Telephone Number:

☐ Audiovisual Consent: please tick the box if you grant permission for the Bernardi Music Group and any associated sound recordist, videographer or photographer to capture recordings as described which may include the child/ children in your care, and for these files to be used in the formats listed or any other media format.

Please sign and date below to indicate that you are happy to commit to the requirements detailed above and to ensure that your child is able and supported to make the commitment required to participate and attend all rehearsals and performances.

Signature: Date:

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